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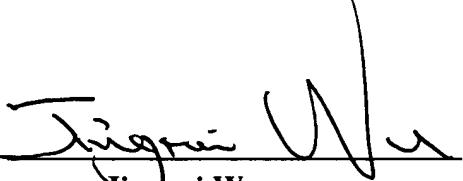
- (A) This declaration is for an original application.
- (B) My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.
- (C) I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:  
**"Arabidopsis transcription factor genes confer plant drought and heat tolerance"**,  
 the specification of which was filed on Oct. 2, 2003 and received Serial No. 10/678,588.
- (D) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
- (E) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
- (F) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application  
**Serial No. 60/415,758, filed Oct. 2, 2002**  
**Serial No. 60/463,787, filed Apr. 18, 2003**  
**Serial No. 60/425,157, filed Nov. 8, 2002**
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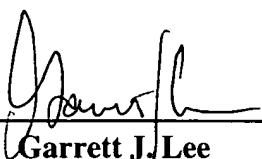
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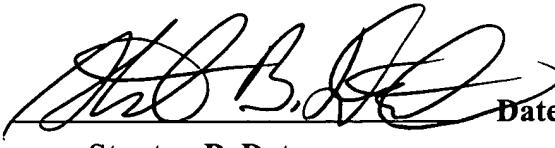
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